NOTE V.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF THE NITIDULID GENUS PLATYNEMA, RITS. (ORTHOGRAMMA, MURRAY 1) NEC GUENÉE).

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Of this species I have seen three specimens, captured in the Andaman Islands, and of these Mr. A. Sidney Olliff has been good enough to let the Leyden Museum have two; I therefore propose to call the species

Platynema Olliffi.

Length 4,5 mm. — Elongate, subparallel, gradually widening a little towards the middle of the abdomen, depressed, shining, dark piceous with tinges of purple, green and blue, which are more conspicuous on the thorax than on the head, elytra and abdomen; the part of the head before the eyes, as well as the two basal joints of the antennae rufous; the extreme lateral margins of the thorax narrowly testaceous; the elytra testaceous, passing into dark brown at the sides and into piceous at about two thirds of their length; the apical margin of the abdominal segments narrowly testaceous; the legs dark brown, brighter at the knees; the tarsi pale testaceous.

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1) This generic name, which dates from the year 1864, cannot be retained, as Guenée had already used it in 1852 in the Lepidopterous family Noctuidae. I therefore propose to substitute Murray's name by *Platynema* (from *πλατυς*, flat, and *νῆμα*, a thread).

The head of about the same length as the thorax; the sides behind the eyes slightly convex, parallel; epistome with two projecting slender teeth which are divergent and slightly directed downwards; the angle between the teeth is rounded; the head is flat or even faintly impressed on the disk, and covered with a strong but rather distant punctuation.

The sides of the thorax, which is a little narrower at the base than in front and widest about the middle where it is wider than the head, are regularly convex; the anterior angles declinate, the posterior ones broadly rounded and provided with a small impression; the disk is flat and provided along the middle with a large ovate very shallow impression, which extends from the front margin to the base; an excessively fine mesial line may be observed at the bottom of this impression; the impression is rather more distantly punctured than the head; on the sides of the thorax the punctures are more close together and elongate. Scutellum triangular, strongly transverse, impunctate or with a very few large punctures.

Elytra distinctly longer than, but scarcely so broad as the thorax, the sides parallel, the apex conjointly rounded, the sutural region depressed. They are punctate-striate, but the striae disappear before the apex.

Abdomen distantly punctured, the third segment with a shallow central impression; the pygidium raised along the middle. Some long testaceous hairs are present along the sides of the abdomen and on the pygidium.

No doubt this species will prove to be closely allied to *fuscipennis* Murr. from Sarawak (Borneo) and to *denticeps* Murr. from Singapore.

Up to this time no species have been described in this genus, besides those described by Mr. Murray and enumerated in the 3rd volume of the Catalogus Monacensis.

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